Amount released under NOAPS to Andhra Pradesh

1162. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released towards the National Old Age Pension Scheme in Andhra Pradesh during the year 2001-2002. so far; and

(b) the total amount to be released for the purpose during 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) and (b) As against an amount of Rs. 4360.76 lakhs, allocated to Andhra Pradesh for the year 2001-02, the 1st instalment of Rs. 2180.44 lakhs has already been released. Further releases would be contingent upon expenditure incurred by the State Government.

Old age pension

1163. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of persons who received old age pension, released by Union Government, during the last three years;

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Union Government to increase the pension of the old persons; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) A Statement is given (See below).

(b) and (c) No Sir. Enhancement of the rate of old age pension under the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) would require higher budgetary allocation.

Statement

National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS)

SI. No.	States	No. of Beneficiaries Reported		
		1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	466001	466000	466001
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	445	2347	1205
3.	Assam	100136	85052	262719
4.	Bihar	705471	741195	502535
5.	Chhattisgarh*	—	—	148692
6.	Goa	2195	2195	2122
7.	Gujarat	66830	63862	68108
8.	Haryana	37700	33201	27021
9.	Himachal Pradesh	10688	15176	25250
10.	J & K	35194	31291	24551
11.	Jharkhand*	—	—	175487
12.	Karnataka	186825	228309	254778
13.	Kerala	118974	119507	114698
14.	Madhya Pradesh	731149	586400 *	429490
15.	Maharashtra	304696	330948	306479
16.	Manipur	2720	5836	25972
17.	Meghalaya	8897	9102	18743
18.	Mizoram	3360	4094	10523
19.	Nagaland	2251	4617	13811
20.	Orissa	332290	330272	384174
21.	Punjab	36500	32859	40283
22.	Rajasthan	240253	451325	135386
23.	Sikkim	2400	2400	10104
24.	Tamil Nadu ‡	316125	398791	350000
25.	Tripura	15503	15507	57912
26.	Uttar Pradesh	981692	940539	841340
27.	Uttaranchal*	—	—	50097
28.	West Bengal	346565	350810	352016

1	2	3	4	5
29.	A & N Islands	0	0	0
30.	Chandigarh	0	1763	2532
31.	D&N Haveli	0	252	895
32.	Daman & Diu	203	262	229
33.	NCT Delhi	24156	24156	0
34.	Lakshadweep	2	0	23
35.	Pondicherry	1500	1500	4179
	TOTAL :	5080721	5279568	5107355

*New States.
‡in case of Tamil Nadu, the Numerical Ceiling of beneficiaries under NOAPS has been taken into account.

Grants provided to NGOs for rural development

† 1164. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total grants provided to NGOs by Government during the last three years for rural development in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated to NGOs have not been utilised in the States;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.